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FOR CHILDREN

CASA
CASA of Yavapai County Newsletter
October 2015

SAYING GOODBYE

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### **SAVE THE DATE / UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Academy - Oct. 29 & 30
- Academy - Nov. 19 & 20
- DCS Training for CASAs - Nov 4th @ JJC
- Veteran's Day - Nov 11th (office closed)
- Academy - Nov 19 & 20
- Adoption Day - Nov 21st
- Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov 26&27 (office closed)
- Court Report Writing/ Training for CASAs, Dec. 9th from 1-4

The time has come for me to bid farewell to the CASA Program and I wanted to thank each of you for the impact you have made in the lives of the children we serve. Leaving is certainly bittersweet and nothing I can convey here will truly express how much I will miss all of you!

Over the years we have experienced many changes together and we have certainly shared the comforts of those things that were powerful enough to never change, like the unending spirit and commitment of our volunteer advocates. It has been my pleasure to work with some of the most dedicated people a community can have and I am so grateful for all I have learned from you. As I leave to start a new adventure, I do so with the gifts each of you have given me.

I know you will be supportive and patient as the dedicated staff works through this transition and welcomes a new Program Manager. CASA has an incredible administrative staff and you could not ask for better people to support and work with you. It has been my honor to be a part of such an exceptional team and program, and I know the months and years to come will bring more success and positive change.

Never forget the difference you make in the lives of these children.

I look forward to our paths crossing again!

As always, thank you for everything you are, and all that you do!

*Sincerely, Tracy*

*"If your presence doesn't make an impact,  
Your absence won't make a difference."*

# Prescott CASA Calendar

## October 2015

M	T	W	T	F
5 Peer Support Group—w/John @ 2:00 p.m.	6 Hearings FTC 2:30	7	8 C4K Meeting @ 9:00 Peer Support w/Jane @ 11:00 <del>T4T Team Mtg. @ 1:00</del> FCRB	9 B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00 FCRB
12 Beyond the Basics - 10:00 @ JJC *not a county holiday: office is open*	13 Hearings	14 CYMP - Lunch Launch	15	16
19	20 NO HEARINGS FTC 2:30	21 FCRB	22	23
26 Getting Started class for new CASA applicants - 10:00 @ JJC	27 Hearings	28	29 Academy	30 Academy

### OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Oct 1 -Best for Babies, 10:30 @ JJC  
 Oct 5 - Peer Support Group 2:00 p.m.  
 Oct 6, 13, 20, & 27- Dependency Hearings  
 Oct 6 & 20 - Family Treatment Court, 2:30 @ JJC  
 Oct 8 - C4K Meeting/Peer Support with Jane/ ~~T4T Team Mtg. cancelled this month~~  
 Oct 9 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting 3298 Bob Dr. in PV—10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office)  
 Oct 8, 9 & 21 - Foster Care Review Board (FCRB)  
 Oct 12 - Beyond the Basics training for CASA applicants a@ JJC  
 Oct. 14—CYPM Launch Lunch (see page 10)  
 Oct 26 - Getting Started training for new CASA applicants @ JJC  
 Oct 29 & 30 - CASA Academy for new applicants @JJC



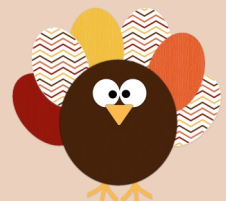
# Prescott CASA Calendar

## November 2015

M	T	W	T	F
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23	24 NO HEARINGS	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	27 Office closed
30 Beyond the Basics 10:00 for new CASA applicants 10:00 @ JJC				

### NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Nov 2 - Peer Support Group w/John 2:00 at JJC  
 Nov 3 & 17 - Family Treatment Court  
 Nov 4—DCS Training w/Missy Sikora @ JJC (see pg. 4)  
 Nov 5 - Best for Babies, 10:30 @ JJC  
 Nov 6 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting 3298 Bob Dr. in PV—10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office)  
 Nov 9 - Beyond the Basics for new CASA applicants @JJC  
 Nov 10 & 17 - Dependency Hearings  
 Nov 12 - C4K Meeting/Peer Support with Jane/T4T Team Mtg. (See times above)  
 Nov 12 & 13 - Foster Care Review Board (FCRB)  
 Nov 16 - Getting Started training for new CASA applicants @ JJC  
 Nov 19 & 20 - Academy in the Pines - for new CASA applicants  
 Nov 26 & 27 - Happy Thanksgiving! The office will be closed both days  
 Nov 30 - Beyond the Basics for new CASA applicants @JJC



## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity



Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS)

A New Beginning for Arizona's Children

### ATTENTION ALL CASA ADVOCATES

We are hosting a presentation by DCS  
Please join us for this informative, interactive discussion.  
Learn about the Department's responsibilities and  
perspectives regarding their cases, as well as, how issues  
are resolved.

Presented by:

Missy Sikora, Ongoing/Investigation Supervisor

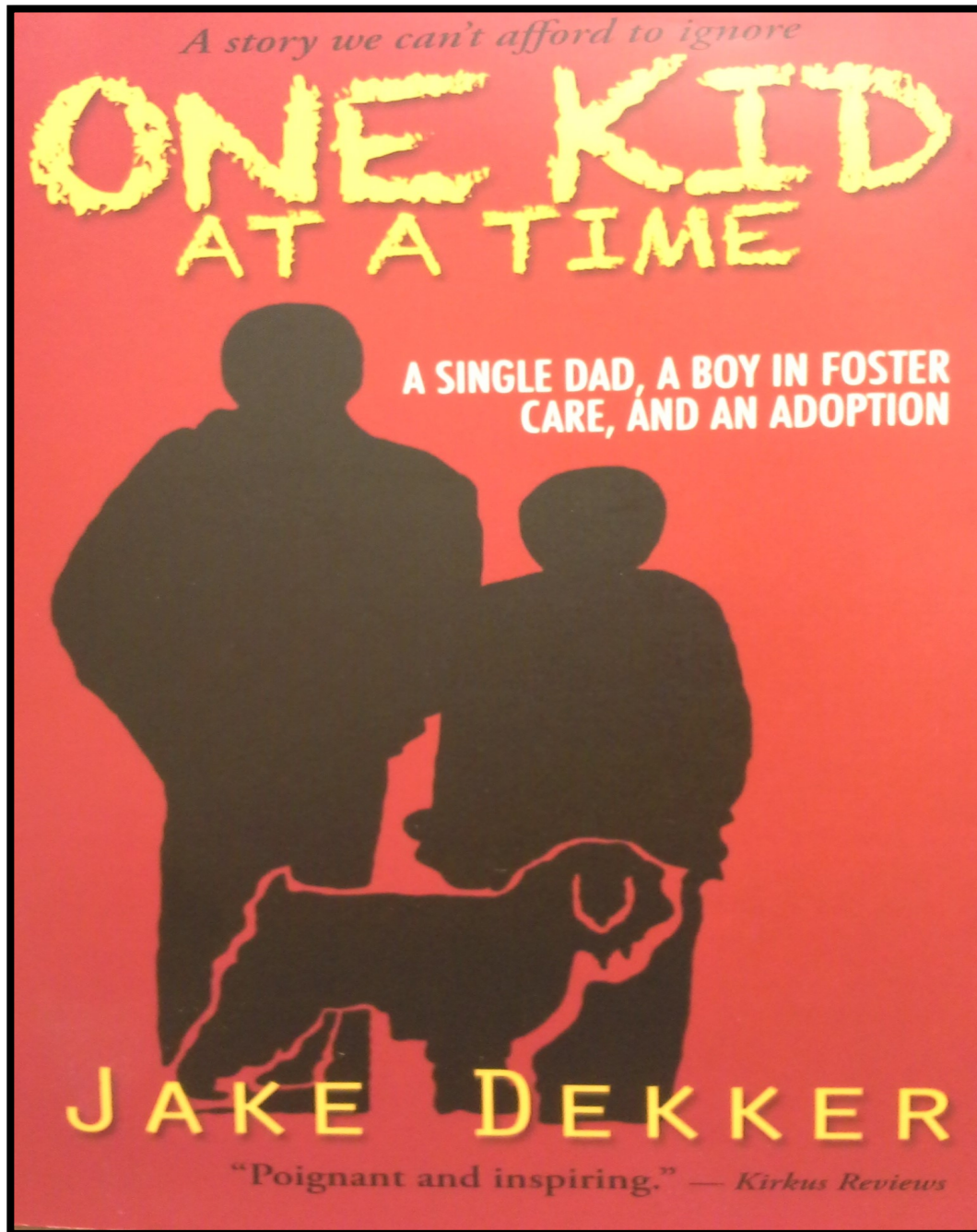
On Wednesday, November 4th ~ 2:00 - 4:00

At the Juvenile Justice Center Hearing Room

****CASAs who attend will receive 2 hours training credit****



## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity



*This book is now available for CASA Advocates. Training credit will given. There are two copies in the CASA office that can be checked out for your reading pleasure.*



## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

### **COURT REPORT WRITING FOR CASA ADVOCATES**

The CASA office is implementing new statewide and local changes to the Court Report writing process for CASA advocates. We have revamped our training and are providing new direction and insight based on these new requirements.

All new CASAs are highly encouraged to attend this training to learn the requirements for Court Report writing. Veteran CASAs should also attend this training to learn about these new requirements and add your experience to the discussion.

*No need to sign up, just join us for this informative training.*

**DECEMBER 9TH ♦ 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
AT THE JJC HEARING ROOM**



****Class attendance is restricted to CASA s only****

## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity



**AN IMPORTANT TRAINING FOR ADULTS ASSISTING YOUNG PEOPLE**

**FREE for Parents and Professionals  
working with 12 to 25 year olds!**  
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 9am-5pm  
Registration begins at 8:30 am.  
Workbook and lunch included.

To register or for more information,  
call or email us at 928.379.5077 or  
[trish@familyinvolvementcenter.org](mailto:trish@familyinvolvementcenter.org).

### **WHAT IS YMHFA?**

Youth Mental Health First Aid introduces the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, emphasizing the importance of early intervention.

### **WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

The course covers a variety of mental health challenges common among adolescents. Participants learn a core 5-step action plan to support adolescents developing signs and symptoms of mental illness or to help adolescents in emotional crisis.

### **WHO BENEFITS FROM YMHFA TRAINING?**

Parents, caregivers, teachers, behavior coaches, case managers, afterschool program workers, community members...everyone!



**LEARN TO IDENTIFY, UNDERSTAND, AND RESPOND! CALL TO REGISTER TODAY!**

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## Coordinator's Corner

### Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation

by Judge Benjamin R. Norris (ret.)

#### What is the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF)?

AFFCF is a local 501(c)(3) organization that provides children in foster care in Arizona with awards for social, athletic and educational opportunities that are not funded by the standard DCS allowances or in any other way. When I was hearing cases in the Juvenile Court, I had a number of hearings in which it was obvious that a particular foster child would benefit significantly if we could just find a way to provide a simple good or service that was not covered by any of the DCS allowances, which is why I was so pleased to find AFFCF.

#### So what exactly does AFFCF do to help Arizona kids in foster care?

Even if you think you already know about AFFCF, you may not be aware of all of the different things AFFCF does, so ask yourself if you know of a child in foster care who could use any of the following:

- Athletic Registration and Equipment (sign-up/registration fees, soccer cleats, etc.)
- Apartment Set-Up (for youth aging out of foster care; covers things such as pots and pans, dishes, towels, shower curtains, rugs, cleaning supplies, lamps, small appliances, etc.)
- Bicycles, Scooters, Skates and Skateboards
- Camp (up to one week of summer camp or other camp per child per year)
- Citizenship/Immigration (fees for green card or immigration physicals, but not attorney fees)
- Class pictures (once a year per child)
- Clothing (special event clothing only, e.g. prom, 8th grade graduation, Quinceañera, etc.)
- Graduation Expenses (i.e., cap, gown, ring, yearbook, and other related expenses)
- Instrument Rental (in 12-week funding periods; once initial request is approved, renewals can also be processed in 3-month increments)
- Lessons (12-week funding periods for gymnastics, karate, music, swimming, etc.; once initial request is approved, renewals can also be processed in 3-month increments)
- Optical Expenses (may be considered if DES will not fund; contacts can be considered for one-time only, and documentation is required that states a specific, special need for the youth)
- School Field Trips (class trips to Catalina Island, etc.)
- Theme Park Admissions (only for parks outside Arizona)
- Tutoring Services (12-week funding periods)
- Driving Lessons (for those who have turned 18 and aged out of foster care; foster children under 18 are generally not allowed to drive for liability reasons).

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For the most part, AFFCF will consider paying 100% of the cost of these items. AFFCF does have limits on how much it can pay for any one item, but AFFCF will work with foster placements and providers of goods/services in an effort to cover 100% of the costs. AFFCF assistance does require submitting an award application and receiving approval from AFFCF before purchase; AFFCF cannot reimburse for anything paid for prior to receiving approval. But applying is easy; just visit [AFFCF.org](http://AFFCF.org), click on the "General Awards" tab, and then click on "Award Application" (or contact AFFCF by mail or phone; see below). Remember, in its 30 year history, AFFCF has never turned down a request that fell within its guidelines.

AFFCF also is the go-to source for information on how to obtain other goods and services for children in foster care that the agency does not cover. For example, AFFCF does not pay for furniture, regular-use clothing and some other things, but AFFCF can help you find them from other sources. Similarly, while AFFCF generally does not pay for electronics (such as laptops for older students), AFFCF sometimes receives donated items that it can distribute.

### How can I help AFFCF help Arizona kids in Foster Care?

How does AFFCF pay for these things? While we do receive some grants, the vast majority of our funds come from individual donors. These donations are supported by Arizona's Qualified Foster Care Organization tax credit, which provides that donations to AFFCF qualify for a tax credit of up to \$800 for couples filing jointly (\$400 for individuals). Unlike a tax deduction, a tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the donor's tax liability. This means that a couple giving \$800 in calendar year 2015 will see their Arizona tax liability reduced by \$800 (or their refund increased by \$800) when filing their 2015 Arizona tax return. AFFCF will even send donors the Arizona tax form they need to claim the credit at the end of the 2015 year. Finally, donors do not need to itemize to claim the tax credit – any couple who would otherwise owe \$800 (or \$400 for individuals) in Arizona income tax for 2015 can take advantage of this tax credit. Donating is easy; just visit [AFFCF.org](http://AFFCF.org), click on the "Donate" tab, and then click on "Tax Credit" (or contact AFFCF by mail or phone). Remember, no one needs to donate to AFFCF in order to receive an award from AFFCF, but donations are what make our awards possible.

### Contacting AFFCF

Finally, if you need to contact us, AFFCF's direct telephone line is (602) 252-9445, the website is [AFFCF.org](http://AFFCF.org), and the mailing address is 1645 E. Missouri Ave., Ste. 220, Phoenix, AZ 85016. We look forward to hearing from you!

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¹Benjamin R. Norris is a retired Maricopa County Superior Court judge and a member of the board of directors of Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation. The views expressed in this article are his and do not necessarily represent the views of the Court.

## **Coordinator's Corner**

# **CYPM Launch Lunch**

**You are cordially invited to participate in the  
Crossover Youth Program Model (CYPM)  
Launch Lunch happening on October 14th from  
10:00 to 1:00 in the Hearing Room at the JJC**

**Speakers will include:**

**Judge Young**

**Juvenile Probation**

**DCS**

**CASA**

**Crossover Youth**

**During this time, we want to educate, motivate  
and inspire everyone who works with our  
dependency and detained youth population.**

**If you'd like to be part of this exciting event,  
Please RSVP to Myrl at 442-5684 by Oct. 9th.**

## Coordinator's Corner



COALITION FOR COMPASSION & JUSTICE  
A Community-Wide Response to Poverty



Receive the following for families participating in Circles of Support for Families/Books Before Bed meetings at any of the five meeting groups:

- Free Books Before Bed book bag
- Free 18 X 24 Books Before Bed poster
- Two free picture books every month
- Snacks at each meeting
- Drawing for \$20.00 gift card at each meeting
- Additional select monthly gifts

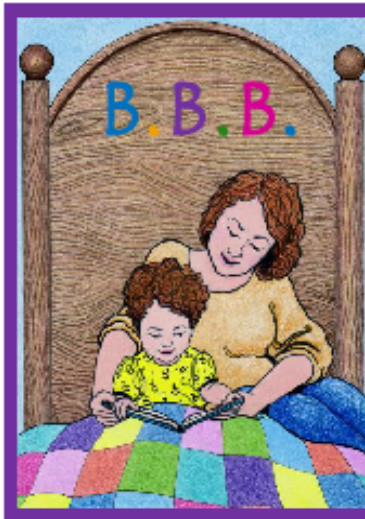
To join a Family Circle:

CCJ directorspecialprojects@gmail.com

For more information: 928-445-8382

Or simply show up at the next meeting near you!

Circles of Support for Families  
is a service for low-income  
families of children five  
and younger.



Books  
Before  
Bed

Reading Together is  
Fun!

### Prescott Library

215 E Goodwin Street, Prescott

Starting September 10, 3-5 pm

Continuing second Thurs. each month

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan.

14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May 12

### Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

882 Sunset Avenue, Prescott

Starting Sept. 10, 10-12 noon

Continuing second Thurs. each month

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14,

Feb 11, March 10, April 14, May 12

### Emanuel Lutheran Church

7763 E Long Look Drive, Prescott Valley

Starting September 3, 3-5 pm

Continuing first Thurs. each month

Sept 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7,

Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, May 5

### Same location, Prescott Valley

Starting September 18, 3-5 pm

Continuing third Friday each month

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan.

15, Feb. 19, March 18, April 15, May 20

### Chino Valley Library

1020 Palomino Road, Chino Valley

Starting September 1, 3-5 pm

Continuing first Tues. each month

Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5,

Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, May 3

## Coordinator's Corner - Community Event

Check Our FaceBook Event Pages: "Ghost Talk 2015" or "Week of the Dead in Prescott"

The Prescott Center for the Arts  
Gallery presents a special  
opportunity for families!  
All proceeds benefit  
the non-profit PCA Gallery.



### Glass Skull Jewelry Workshop

Saturday, October 24th

Four Sessions:

10am, 11:30am,  
1:30pm and 3pm

\$15 or \$25



Come join our guest artist from Tucson, Laurie Schock, to create a decorated glass pendant (chain not included) for \$15 or glass earrings for \$25.

Pre-registration required. Call 445-3286 to sign up.

Participants will pick up finished product on Oct. 25.

Chains will be available for purchase.

### Sugar Skull Workshop

Sunday, October 25th

Noon—3:30pm

(Drop In Anytime)

\$3



What's a sugar skull? The sugar skull is a traditional icon of the Day of the Dead, given as a gift and set on altars. The making of these colorful and whimsical skulls is a great project to share with friends and family while reflecting on the happy memories associated with lost loved ones.

Get Imaginative  
Create Art  
Make Memories



201 N. Marina St.  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
(Willis St. Entrance)

*A designated event for the PCA Gallery's Day of the Dead Art Exhibit, for the Ghost Talk Weekend, and for the Annual Week of the Dead.*



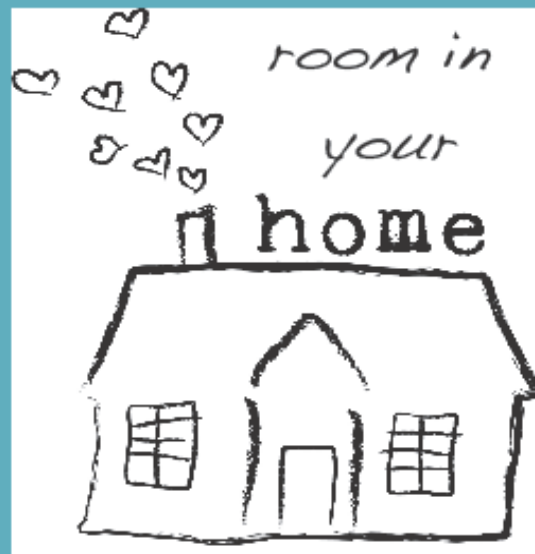
## Coordinator's Corner

*PRESCOTT, VERDE VALLEY, & SEDONA  
NEED FOSTER PARENTS*

### **PROVIDENCE IS NOW RECRUITING**

Foster Parents

*If there's room in your heart  
there's*



kids can't wait for someone else...  
they need you now

**Training + 24/7 Support Provided**



**PROVIDENCE**  
HUMAN SERVICES

Call: (928) 522-4517  
email: [jgrant@provcorp.com](mailto:jgrant@provcorp.com)  
To Learn How to Get Started



## Coordinator's Corner



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arizona offers award winning youth programs that are fun, engaging and educational all year long.

As the affordable place to be for Quad Cities youth, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arizona has been changing lives since 2000. Our members have higher graduation rates than non-members and become positive role-models in the community.

Register now or visit a club today to see why the Boys & Girls Clubs are the place for Quad Cities youth to be.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

After school programs are devoted to academic success, character development, health and fitness and the arts. Clubs provide an opportunity for youth to develop a positive self-identity while ensuring they are in a safe place after school.

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camps offer fun and enriching programs that keep youth safe, active and engaged throughout the summer and are prepared to take on classes in the fall.

Gerald Szostak, Executive Director ✦ 928.776.8686  
335 East Aubrey Street, Prescott, Arizona ✦ [www.bgccaz.org](http://www.bgccaz.org)

**Please contact Virginia Chadwell, Grants Committee Chair at (928) 227-3156 with questions regarding grant availability for your CASA child. Flyers from the Boys and Girls Club are also available in the CASA office.**

## Coordinator's Corner

If you are a CASA assigned to a case where Grandparents are the placement for your CASA kiddos, please consider referring them to this newly formed Grandparents Group, facilitated by staff at West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. Feedback from Grandparents who are attending has been very positive! For more details, Jill or Lora with WYGC can be reached at: 928-583-6411. All classes are held at the Windsong office in Prescott Valley.

# Grandparents Group

Health Promotion Group (H0025)

Wednesdays 10:00-11:30

October 14 through December 2



This is an 8-week group focused on the unique needs and stressors of Grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren

Contact Jill Kilgus 583-6411x3219 or Lora Zeller 583-6411x5501

Group is held at the Windsong office in Prescott Valley

Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) is the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for Coconino, Navajo, Yavapai, Apache and Mohave counties (the northern geographic service area (GSA)). Starting October 1, 2015, NARBHA will become Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC), and Gila County and parts of Graham County will be added to the northern GSA. Funds for services are provided through a contract with the Arizona Department of Health Services/ Division of Behavioral Health Services and AHCCCS.

## Coordinator's Corner

**AFFCF is pleased to let you know about this wonderful new resource for foster parents and kinship caregivers developed by the Arizona FIRST Advisory Commission.**

**Check it out and pass it on....**

**Arizona foster parents**

You have questions.

**We have answers.**

[www.AzFamilyResources.org](http://www.AzFamilyResources.org)

Comprehensive information about Arizona foster care  
from the Arizona FIRST Advisory Commission

## Coordinator's Corner



### **MATFORCE offers many resources and ways to connect**

We know the importance of staying up-to-date on the current trends in substance abuse. That's why we offer many ways to stay connected to what is happening in Yavapai County.

Our website, [matforce.org](http://matforce.org), offers information on current workshops offered, newsletters, where to find treatment and more.

Need information on our youth contests or want to sign up for our MVP emails? Check out our [DontGetMeStartedAZ.org](http://DontGetMeStartedAZ.org) website. DGMS offers guidance for youth, parents and schools in talking about the risk of drugs and encourages making healthy choices.

Do you have questions about marijuana? Our [Marijuana Harmless? THINK AGAIN](#) movement has a [website](#) that will help answer your questions.


Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Still have questions? Email us at [matforce@cableone.net](mailto:matforce@cableone.net) or call (928) 708-0100 for more information.

Like us on [Facebook](#) 

Follow us on [twitter](#)


View our videos on [YouTube](#)

 [Forward to a Friend](#)

## Coordinator's Corner

ONE STOP SERVICES Include: Core Services, Intensive Services and Training Services, as well as, Employment Information, Veteran Referrals, Workforce Development, Education and Transportation (taxi vouchers available for Prescott Valley residents only). Pamphlets available in the CASA office.

**YAVAPAI**



**WORKFORCE  
CONNECTION**

**Join Us For Orientation**  
Every Monday  
Prescott - 10:00 am  
Cottonwood - 8:30 am  
Prescott Valley - call for information

**we can  
help**

**How to Access  
Opportunities at the One  
Stop Centers**

### YAVAPAI WORKFORCE CONNECTION

*"Building economic  
success through  
workforce development  
partnerships"*

#### **ONE STOP LOCATIONS**

**West Yavapai County**  
221 N. Marina Street, Suite 201  
Prescott, Arizona 86301  
928-778-1422  
928-778-1756 (Fax)

**East Yavapai County**  
1500 East Cherry Street, Suite F  
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326  
928-649-6867  
928-634-8258 (Fax)

Visit our website:  
[www.yavapaiworkforce.org](http://www.yavapaiworkforce.org)

**Check us out on FACEBOOK**  
Yavapai Workforce Connection

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program  
Auxiliary aids & services available upon request to  
individuals with disabilities.  
AZ Relay TTY/ACSH dial 711



## Coordinator's Corner



### WHAT IS THE ETV PROGRAM?

The Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV) provides up to \$5,000 a year for college and vocational training.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- You must be a current or former foster student who was:
  - in foster care on or after your 16th birthday OR
  - adopted from foster care with the adoption finalized AFTER your 16th birthday.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.
- Your personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are worth less than \$10,000.
- You must be younger than 21 to apply for the first time. If you have a current grant and are making satisfactory progress in your education/training program at the time you turn 21, you may continue to apply for the grant up to the age of 23.
- You must have been accepted into or be enrolled in a degree, certificate or other accredited program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school. To remain eligible for ETV funding, you must have a current grant and be **enrolled** and making satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate.

[www.statevoucher.org](http://www.statevoucher.org)



### IT'S EASY TO APPLY!

1. Go to [www.statevoucher.org](http://www.statevoucher.org).
2. Select Arizona.
3. Complete the easy online application.
4. Download the Application Packet.
5. Take the Financial Aid Release Form to your school to submit on your behalf.
6. Reapply every year.

**AZ@statevoucher.org**

tel: 855.220.8200 fax: 855-802-0088

**For more information pamphlets are available in the CASA office**

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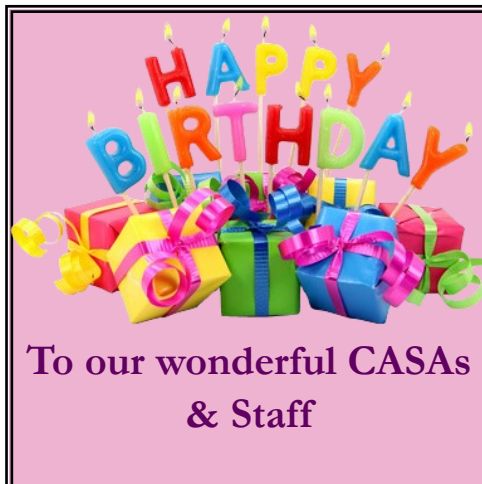
### Join a Support Group

Joining a support group helps you to be successful on your case. The support groups provide lively and informative discussion by all. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs. The support groups meet various times throughout each month, providing an opportunity for you to participate. Please be sure to check the calendars each month as sometimes the dates are changed.

- **Best for Babies** support group meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the JJC, 10:30-12:00.
- **Best for Babies Court Teams** meeting is held the 1st Friday (this schedule is flexible, please check the calendar for date changes) of each month at Prevent Child Abuse AZ headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at 10:00 a.m. (next to DCS)
- **Peer Support Group**, led by Jane S., meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC, 11:00-12:30.
- The **Time 4 Teens** monthly team meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC beginning at 1:00. (unless otherwise noted)
- ****NEW* – Peer Support Group led by John C. and your CASA Coordinators, will meet the 1st Monday of each month at the JJC, 2:00 - 3:30.***

### **October**

Jan D.  
Shelia J.  
Diana D.  
Jan V.  
Celine B.  
Quinci C.  
John C.



### **November**

Jo Z.  
Christine C.  
Cinda B.  
Sue U.  
Betty B.

# Family Treatment Court

## FAMILY TREATMENT COURT PROVIDES RECOVERY SUPPORT

*What is Family Treatment Court and how can it help parents who struggle with substance abuse?*

Family Treatment Court is a voluntary Drug Court program designed to provide structure and support for parents who are working to remain clean and sober from drugs and alcohol. For approximately nine months to a year, participants in Family Treatment Court are provided with substance abuse treatment services and their progress is reviewed by the Court in regularly set hearings. The goal of Family Treatment Court is to guide parents into a substance free lifestyle and ultimately reunify their families.

According to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, “Parents in Drug Court are twice as likely to go to treatment and complete it.” Why? The Court sets parameters and monitors them closely. There are three phases in Family Treatment Court and each one consists of specific guidelines. Parents are held accountable for submitting clean and timely UAs, getting a sponsor, meeting with treatment counselors, obtaining a job, and attending twelve-step support meetings. Incentives and consequences have been integrated to keep participants motivated to advance their recovery efforts.

As an added benefit, participants in Family Treatment Court attend our required parent support group prior to every Family Treatment Court hearing. This group is specific to the needs of this program and provides recovery guidance combined with useful parenting education. They have had lessons on topics such as: *Building Your Self Esteem as a Parent; How to get Respect from your Family, Friends, and Co-Workers; The Difference between Good Stress and Bad Stress; and How Attitude Can Change Your Circumstances*. Along with inspirational topics, this group allows for encouragement and collaboration between parents in a confidential setting. It is an opportunity to learn alongside peers who are in the same situation, but at various stages in their recovery and dependency cases. They offer words of encouragement to each other. They watch each other’s struggles and successes and find inspiration along the way.

Participation in Family Treatment Court demonstrates a parent’s commitment to sobriety, and fulfilling all program obligations is a well earned achievement. A graduate from Family Treatment Court is recognized by the Court, the team, and fellow participants. The majority of Family Treatment Court graduates find success in their dependency cases.

CASAs may attend team staffing with the Family Treatment Court Judge to learn about a parent’s status in the program and may be given the opportunity to provide important insight that assists in making decisions on behalf of the parent. It is also an opportunity to be there in support of parents in the hearing, and to celebrate phase promotions and graduations!

To learn more about this program, Kristi Newman, Program Coordinator, may be reached at :

[knewman@courts.az.gov](mailto:knewman@courts.az.gov) or by phone at (928) 771-3398.

## CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION

# Costumes For Kids 5K

Sunday, Oct. 25  
10:00am



Starting and ending at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Prescott

For more information and to REGISTER, visit  
**YavapaiCASAforKids.org**

\$25 registration fee goes to support the activities of Yavapai CASA for Kids

Children 4 and Under are Free!



5K fun run/walk great for all ages  
Prizes for Best Costumes, Kids Activities, and More...

The mission of Yavapai CASA for Kids is to serve the unmet needs of abused, neglected and/or abandoned youth up to age 21 who are or have been in the care of the Court and to support the work of the CASA program and the CASA volunteers.

**SUPPORT A CHILD ♥ CHANGE A LIFE**

C4K is also looking for CASAs who are able to help during this event. If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please contact: Tiffany Rice, Yavapai CASA for Kids, Fundraising Chairperson at 928-710-3711

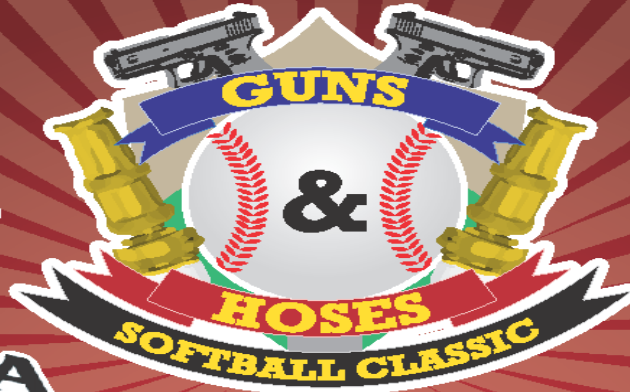


# CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION

Game starts at 2 p.m.

October  
24th, 2015

Ken  
Lindley  
Field



**Prescott Police**

**vs**

**Prescott Firefighters**

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CASAs and their CASA kids, as well as foster parents and foster families, can attend this event for FREE, if they get in touch with Crystal Ogden, our C4K Vista, by Wednesday, October 22. Crystal can be reached at: [c4kvista@gmail.com](mailto:c4kvista@gmail.com) or 928-445-0800. Please share with foster families that you work with too!



## CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION/COMMUNITY RESOURCE



Coalition for Compassion and Justice

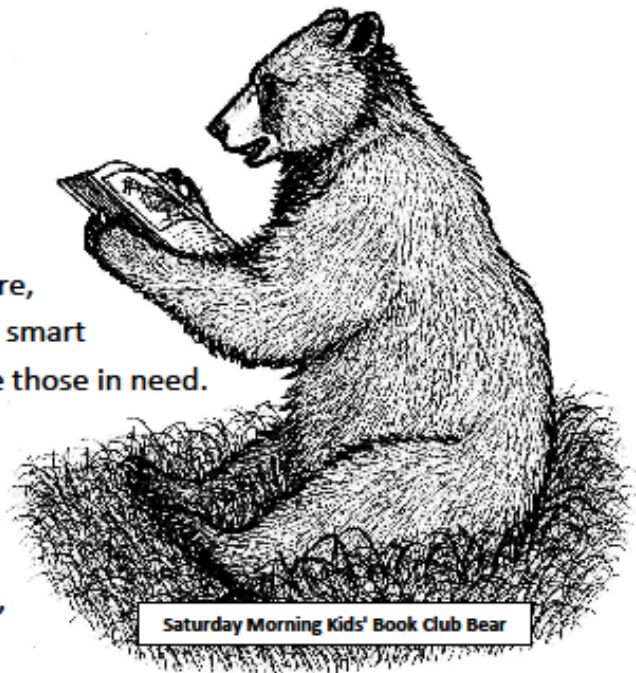
# CCJ Thrift Store

1034 Fair Street, Prescott

CCJ Thrift Store has always been more than just an amazing place to look for treasures and bargains. With the opening of the larger Fair Street store, there will be more of everything for the smart shopper and more ways for CCJ to serve those in need.

### Children's Corner

In the new Children's Corner, families will also have a source for affordable children's clothing, toys, games, movies, books, furniture and much more.



The **Saturday Morning Kids' Book Club** (Saturdays at 10 am) will offer families an opportunity to help their children experience the lifelong joy of reading.

**Please help us serve the community by donating items you no longer need:**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| ❖ Furniture        | ❖ Kid's Clothing    |
| ❖ Clothing         | ❖ Toys              |
| ❖ Jewelry          | ❖ Games             |
| ❖ Decorator Items  | ❖ Children's Books  |
| ❖ Kitchenware      | ❖ Children's Movies |
| ❖ Small Appliances | ❖ Bikes             |

We are also looking for volunteers to read on Saturday mornings.

**For More Information or to donate:** 928-445-8382 or [ccjthriftshop@gmail.com](mailto:ccjthriftshop@gmail.com).

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